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FROM JIM CUNNINGHAM

1. TONIGHT'S WASHOUT OF MISSION 3092 AT GO-NO-GO TIME, WITH ITS ATTENDANT INCONVENIENCE AND DISAPPOINTMENT TO YOU, PROMPTS ME TO MENTION ONCE AGAIN OUR CONTINUED APPRECIATION OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND UNTIRING EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE PRESENT STAGING EFFECTIVELY AGAINST CLIMATOLOGICAL ODDS.

2. WE ALL REALIZE THE GREAT PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE YOU AND THE STAGING PARTY ARE UNDERGOING. OUR RELUCTANT INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REASONABLE REQUEST FOR MEXICAN VISITS FOR YOUR TROOPS HAS MADE US MORE CONSCIOUS THAN EVER OF THE TIRING ASPECTS OF YOUR CURRENT MISSION. WE WANT TO URGE YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A ROTATION OF PERSONNEL NOW THAT THE LAC STRIKE THREAT HAS MODIFIED, ON WHATEVER BASIS YOU FEEL CAN BE SUPPORTED. BY ALL MEANS DO NOT EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE GROUP SO ROTATED. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN IN THIS REGARD AS SOON AS YOU CAN CONVENIENTLY DO SO. IN THE MEANTIME, OUR THANKS TO YOU, YOUR IMMEDIATE TROOPS AND THE AF SUPPORT CONTINGENT FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

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